



# WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 6

10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you as always for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership in the life of our school. It's this shared commitment between home and school that helps our children thrive, and I never take it for granted. This week has been full of activity, joy, and learning, and I'd love to share a few highlights with you.

## Celebrating Kindness

We've just wrapped up a week of assemblies related to our school-wide drive on **BE KIND – WORK HARD**. On speaking with pupils this week, I am so proud of their maturity and thoughtfulness—and the positive impact this message is having across our school. As I eluded to in my messages to parents and carers at the recent Curriculum and Open Evenings, I welcome you to continue the reinforcement of this at home.

## World War 1 Experience

Our year 8 pupils this week had a Virtual Reality experience in school which bridged the curriculum between English and Humanities. It was really moving to see pupils being immersed in this vital period of history through advancement in VR capabilities; memories that will long remain with them.

## Reading Challenge Update

Many of our Year 5 children have now hit their first milestone in our Autumn Reading Challenge. It's fantastic to see the enthusiasm for reading growing across all year groups. Please continue to support regular reading opportunities at home, this shared responsibility really does support accelerated progress for our young readers.

## A Few Reminders:

- **Meet the Tutor Meetings** will take place on **Monday 15th and Thursday 18th October for Year 5 and 6**. Appointment slots are now available via School Cloud (Please see page 2 for the link). If you need help booking, our office team will be happy to assist.
- Please ensure children have **warm coats** as the weather begins to turn. We do try to get outside for fresh air whenever possible!
- Our **Harvest Food Collection** will begin from **Monday 13th October**. All are warmly invited to give donations of tinned or dried goods. These can be dropped off at the front reception corridor in the house boxes.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, or simply want to pop in and say hello, my door is always open.

Thank you for trusting us with your children—it is a responsibility we hold with great care and pride.

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.

Warmest regards,

Matt Drew

## CALENDAR 2025

### OCTOBER

- 13<sup>th</sup> KS3 Cross Country @ Kings College Taunton
- 13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Meet the Tutor - In School Appointments
- 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 Ashford Water Centre Rivers Trip 1
- 15<sup>th</sup> Y6 Ashford Water Centre Rivers Trip 2
- 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 - Meet the Tutor Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 Ashford Water Centre Rivers Trip 3
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y5 House Matches (B:Rugby/G:Hockey) - P1&P2

## CLUB CANCELLATIONS

Year 5 and 6 Rotational Sports is cancelled on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October due to Parents Evening.  
(Y7 Rugby Training will still take place with Mr Ball)

## FIXTURES

Y8 Boys Rugby V Wells Blue Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - (H)

## SAFEGUARDIING

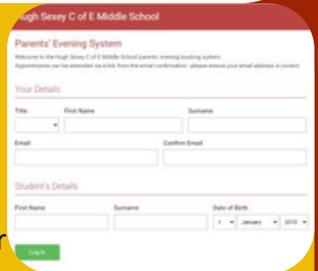
As part of our collective responsibility to safeguard our community I ask that you remain vigilant when arriving and collecting children from school. Last week, two of our pupils were spoken to by a DPD driver on Stoughton Road in Blackford and asked whether they wished to "get in" his van. The matter is in the hands of the police and may well indeed be innocent in nature. The two pupils acted very responsibly and have been well looked after since. If your children walk or cycle to or from our site, please encourage them to stay in pairs or small groups.

Matt Drew  
Headteacher

## KS2 MEET THE TUTOR EVENINGS

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening is open from 7pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

All bookings are made currently through the SchoolCloud parents Evening Booking System (**Not Bromcom**). Please follow the link [SchoolCloud - Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#) and enter the details that you have registered with the school.



The screenshot shows the 'Parents Evening System' login page for Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School. It includes a 'Your Details' section with fields for Title, First Name, Surname, Email, and Parent Email. Below that is a 'Children's Details' section with fields for First Name, Surname, and Date of Birth. A green 'Book' button is visible at the bottom right.

- KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening - In School face to Face - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (from 4pm - 6:30pm)
- KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening - Online Appointments - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (from 4:00pm - 6:30pm)

Any problems please email [school@hughsexey.org.uk](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk)

**Bookings will close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8am. Booking slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.**

## WW1 WORKSHOP

Year 8 students took part in a World War I virtual reality experience this week, led by Time Travel Education. To support their learning in English and Humanities, students were able to experience life in the trenches, wearing virtual reality headsets that took them back in time to the battlefields of WWI. They were shown equipment that would have been used by the soldiers, including rifles and ammunition. It was a fantastic way to bring to life what students have been learning about in their lessons. Year 8 student Raffaele was so inspired by the workshop that he wrote a fantastic account of what he had learned, part of which is shared below:

‘Sergeant Parsons was wearing the uniform worn by the Tommies. We learnt about what the soldiers wore and all the names of the equipment. For example, the Brody helmet was introduced halfway through the war in 1916 and was manufactured by an American. He told us about the vest they carried, which had lots of little pockets to store the bullet cartridges. We used the VR headsets to see what life was like in the trenches. It explained how the trenches were built by digging small holes to be safe from the German artillery fire. Those little holes progressed into trenches. The soldiers dug the trenches using the Entrenching Tool.’



## HSMS SUPERSTARS

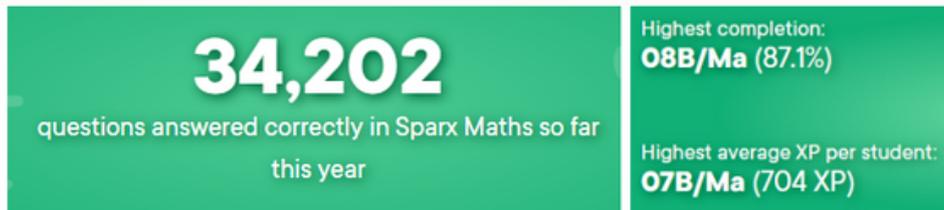
### SWIMMING

Sophia H in 6IS attended the Millfield Development Meet last weekend, gaining 3PBs and taking home a gold medal in the 100m Breaststroke - dropping 5.4sec. As a result, she's also secured her second county time this year.



### KS3 MATHS FOCUS

Congratulations to all the students who have completed Sparx Maths Homework on time and from last week the stats are:



Just a reminder that all students are expected to complete 100% of their homework. There are a number of students who are only doing part of the homework. If they are struggling, they should watch the short video attached to the question in the first instance, otherwise they should come to Homework Club or Sparx Club or ask their class teacher in plenty of time before the homework deadline. All KS3 maths homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be due in the following Wednesday. Thank you for your support with this. Any queries, please contact your young person's class teacher.

### YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL

On a beautiful sunny day, the Year 7 girls took to the pitch in high spirits for the first round of the U12 School Cup competition against Clevedon. From the first whistle the team showed great teamwork and determination, surging ahead to a 3–1 lead thanks to a superb hat-trick from Olive.

After half time the girls faced the challenge of playing uphill, but they reset and their hard work paid off with two more goals, one from Sophia and another from Jess, securing a well-deserved 5–3 victory. The girls will take on Minehead Middle School in the 2nd round.



**WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND**

COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA  
THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACESSOMERSET.ORG.UK

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	SUNDAYS
<b>7TH</b> 11AM-1PM PFA ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT	<b>8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH</b> 1PM-3:30PM POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY	<b>6:30PM-8:30PM</b> <b>EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE</b> AGES 9 TO 18	<b>12TH</b> 10AM-12PM SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP
<b>21ST</b> 10AM-12PM SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM	<b>15TH</b> 9:30AM-12:30PM SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM	<b>16TH</b> 1:30PM-3PM SEPARATED PARENTING CAFE	<b>26TH</b> 10AM-2PM RE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE
<b>21ST</b> 7PM-8:30PM MENOPAUSE CIRCLE	<b>10AM-11:30</b> EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT & CARER, COFFEE & CHAT	<b>YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER</b>	

**YOUTH CAFE:** THURSDAY 2ND, THURSDAY 9TH, THURSDAY 16TH, THURSDAY 23RD, THURSDAY 30TH

**HALF TERM ACTIVITY:** 27TH 12:30AM-2:30PM

HELD AT CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH | 6:30-8:30PM | EVERY TUESDAY

**KINGS HALLOWEEN PARTY BOOK NOW**

31<sup>ST</sup> OCT

LIMITED PLACES

GAMES, FACE PAINTING, DISCO

4:30PM-5:30PM KINGS FITNESS

MEMBER PRICE £6.00 PER JUNIOR

NON-MEMBER PRICE £7.50 PER JUNIOR

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR BOOK AT RECEPTION.

**Somerset Council** **KINGS ACADEMY**

**APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 9 - SEPT 2026**

The online application window for places in Year 9 for September 2026 opened on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025. To apply for your child's place next phase of education please apply via the link below

[Somerset Council - School Admissions](#)

For further information please follow the link below

[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September 2026](#)

The application window closes on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

**ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON BROMCOM**

All 'on the day' absence notifications can be sent in to school via the following

- Bromcom app,
- School absence line **01934 712211** or
- email [school@hughsexey.org.uk](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk)

All future dated absences **must** be sent in via the school email as these need to be approved by the Headteacher.

Many thanks for your continued support

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

**HSMS Values in Action @ Home**  
WB 13th October 2025



**In the news this week**

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

Dear God,  
Thank You for the peace we feel inside and around us. Help us to be kind and treat others with respect. May we always remember to think about peace before we speak or act  
Amen

**HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:** Thankfulness & commitment  
**Bible Link:** Matthew 5:9  
**British Value and Protected Characteristic:** Rule of Law & Race  
**UN Rights of the Child:** #42 Everyone must know children's rights.